

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claim 19 to read as follows.

1.-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A core splitter comprising:

a trough in which a liquid bath will, in use, be contained;

a core support device for holding a core in position during a cutting operation, the core support device being located within the trough;

a cutting head to which a cutter may be attached and which can be moved along the trough to cut the core along one or more radial planes into two or more parts; and

a core holder in which the core is carried, the core holder being of polygonal section and dimensioned to hold the core firmly, the core holder having a slot at ~~is~~ its upper end through which the cutter can enter the core holder to cut the core.

20. (Previously Presented) A core splitter as claimed in claim 19, wherein the core holder is provided at a lower end with slots through which cuttings and other detritus formed during the cutting operation can pass into the trough.

21. (Previously Presented) A core splitter as claimed in claim 19, wherein the core holder is of hexagonal section.

22.-27. (Cancelled)